

Edwin H. Forbush

Kiwanis Club of Rochester, Michigan, Inc.



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Born - January 5, 1903 in Auburn Heights, Michigan Died - March 25, 1977 in Rochester, Michigan



Ed, who joined Kiwanis on April 7, 1952, was a faithful and active member for 25 years, Pres. in 1958 after serving as Vice Pres. in 1957 and membership on the Board of Directors. Ed had 22 years perfect attendance when he took on the Senior Member Status.



Ed was active in many phases of Kiwanis work, but was particularly remembered for his Co-Chairmanship in the design and construction of the Kiwanis Pavilion, a shelter building in the Municipal Park, which was turned over to the City of Rochester for Community use. For many years he chaired and planned Kiwanis Halloween Parties, an activity sponsored by Kiwanis, designed to keep children off the streets during the Halloween period and reduce the vandalism in the area.

PARKE-DAVIS BIOLOGICAL FARM

Two other major Kiwanis projects, including the Marine Band Concerts and the Sports & Boat Show, found Ed a tireless worker constructing platforms and booths to contribute his expertise toward the success of the projects under the name of Kiwanis.



Ed was not the "Hail, Fellow Well Met" but was a quiet type who commanded respect of all, who accepted responsibility and accomplished it, who could command respect and secure cooperation of all his associates, whose opinions and advice were sought and looked up to as a quiet leader in the community.

HOME OF LEADER DOGS

He was a member of the First Congregational Church and there, too, he contributed his time and talents beyond expectations. He served as Trustee, Moderator, and on the Fellowship, Social Service and Nominating Committees. His particular talents were best utilized, however, in the construction of a new church, the building of an addition and the latest construction of a Bell Tower. He served as Chairman of the building committee and spent many hours supervising as well as planning these projects. In addition, he maintained an ongoing interest in the maintenance of the structure, making suggestions and even performing some of the work.



As we look back over the years and recall accomplishments of our club and in our community, there are many instances where we can see Ed's influence. No record was made in Ed's name because that was his wish. He had the ability to lead in such a way that those doing the job thought it was their own idea.



Rochester Kiwanians are proud that he was a Kiwanian and to bestow the honor "DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN" upon Edwin H. Forbush.



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